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1. In Thuringia at least twenty percent of the SED membership formerly belonged to the Nazi Party, according to SPD leaders. Educational circles are having denazification difficulties. Dr. Wolf, Thuringian Minister of Education, has stated that because of "increasing political resistance" in high schools, pupils whose parents were Nazis should be dismissed from those schools. Also to be included in this purge are the children of former army officers, who are automatically called disloyal elements. Children of Feldwebels are considered to have been exposed to possible Nazi or militaristic influences, but, unlike officers' children, they are not automatically suspect. Nothing is said about the children of lower NCOs and privates. SED or FDJ members are exempted from the proposed purge.
2. To counteract further the so-called increasing political resistance, Minister Wolf has decreed that every high school must have its own chapter of the FDJ to foster truly democratic objectives.

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